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REMARKS

Base Claims 1, 8 and 15 are now amended in response to Examiner's comments in the Office Action at hand and those discussed in the November 17, 2004 Examiner interview. Support for these amendments is found at least on Specification page 3 lines 17 - 20; page 13, lines 19-24 and page 4, lines 4-23 as originally filed. Support for new Claims 22 and 23 is found in at least originally filed Claim 5 and Specification page 13, line 19 - page 14, line 3. No new matter is introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

The claims as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish the present invention over the cited and prior art (including Balakrishnan). None of the cited references imply or suggest the "evaluating...of contexts...based upon an access characteristic...; receiving a representation of a spoken utterance, the spoken utterance including a command that is able to be associated with multiple applications; and ...wherein the command is applied to the selected speech enabled application including launching the selected speech enabled application as needed and performing function of the command" now set forth in each of the base Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22. As such these claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art. Dependent Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-21 and 23 follow.

Consequently, the rejections of Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 under § 102 and Claims 7, 14 and 21 under § 103 both in view of Balakrishnan are believed to be overcome. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims (Claims 1-23) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to

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issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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